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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Shots In Lisbon

SHOOTING in the Portuguese capital earlier this week and disturbances again on Wednesday focused attention on the homeland of many China Mail readers in Hongkong and Macao, as it prepares for presidential elections in a little more than a fortnight's time. Both incidents were centered around the opposition candidate General Humberto Delgado. This is not altogether surprising. Delgado's decision to stand for the Presidency, campaigning as a categorical opponent of the Salazar regime, has been described as a "political sensation such as Portugal has not known since the present regime began in 1926."

His strictures of Dr Salazar's Government have been sharp and fiery. He has for example appealed to all "non-totalitarian liberals" to back him. And he has said too that under NATO commitments, Portugal is pledged to "democratic government."

Referendum Hint?

In addition, General Delgado has suggested that the United Nations should enforce "free elections" in Portugal. He has declared himself against restoration of an absolutist monarchy and he also sees no reason why the present Constitution should not be abrogated "if the nation wills it."

These are stirring sentiments which challenge some of the fundamental precepts on which the Salazar "New State" is founded. They also foreshadow grave constitutional difficulties in the event of Delgado's election, and while it is not suggested that the shooting was an attempt to intimidate the General and his supporters, it seems fair to conclude that these pronouncements have aroused long dormant passions and inspired a certain degree of recklessness in opposition ranks, and a corresponding degree of anxiety in the Government.

Bypassed

ANOTHER factor in this somewhat charged atmosphere is that the Government candidate Rear Admiral Americo Tomaz, former Minister of Marine, has been nominated over the head of General Craveiro Lopes, President for the last seven years. It has been said that this was due to the General's rugged insistence on his right to make full use of his constitutional powers. One enables him to appoint or dismiss the Government. And according to a recent despatch, he incurred some unpopularity in Government circles by wanting to discuss "in practical terms," the problem of the eventual succession to the Premiership.

Admiral Tomaz is considered by the Government to be a safer nominee and he appears to be at the moment a clear favourite. General Dolgado, former Director General of Aviation and head of the Portuguese defence delegation in Washington and NATO representative, does not yet seem to have any supporters in high places but if a second opposition candidate, Dr Arlindo Vincente drops out—as he is expected to—and his Left-wing supporters are advised to vote for "Humberto and Liberty," then the General may prove a serious opponent.

HK INTEREST RATES DOWN

'Big Three' Follow London Lead SHARES REACTION

The Big Three British Banks in Hongkong are to reduce interest rates.

Bitten By Snake



DR ROMER REPORTED BETTER

Dr J. D. Romer, Pest Control Officer, who was bitten by an Indian Cobra on Wednesday and was reported to be in a serious condition, has improved.

Doctors at the Queen Mary Hospital this morning said: "The general condition of Dr Romer is good." It is learned that the Indian Cobra, a deadly poisonous snake, was caught by Dr P. A. M. van de Linde, the Industrial Health Officer, in the garden of his residence near Taiipo. The snake was captured and put in a bottle and later handed over to Dr Romer, who is also a reptile expert, for examination. Dr Romer was bitten in the arm when he was taking the snake out of the bottle. He was immediately rushed to the Queen Mary Hospital, the China Mail this morning said. The Indian Cobra was caught by his gardeners on Tuesday. It was captured inside the greenhouse and was about four feet long. "When I got home that day, it was already inside a bottle," he said.

Dr van de Linde said he took the snake to town on the following morning and handed it to Dr Romer's staff. Dr van de Linde, whose residence is situated in a wooded area near Taiipo Ngau, said he and his gardeners had found a number of snakes in his garden. He thought they came out for water. Some two years ago, he said, a seven-foot King Cobra, another deadly specimen, was caught in his garden.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank will reduce interest rates by 1/2 per cent, following yesterday's announcement of a reduction in the British Bank Rate.

This was announced by a Bank spokesman this morning. The reduction would take effect almost immediately but credit interest would be reduced as from June 1.

Various Changes

A spokesman for the Chartered Bank told the China Mail this morning that their interest rates would also be changed. "There will be various changes. These have not yet been worked out because it is rather a complicated business but you can take it that interest rates will be changed." A spokesman for the Mercantile Bank told the China Mail "The matter is under consideration. There will be some adjustments made."

The British Bank rate was reduced from six to five and a half per cent yesterday. Earlier this year it was dropped from seven to six per cent. When news of the interest rate reduction became known on the Hongkong Stock Exchange a number of issues reacted. Immediately and prices rose, especially some of the utility shares. Although business on the market was rather slow with buyers unwilling to come forward, market men were optimistic about the general effect the new bank interest rates would have on the Exchange. (See latest prices p9)

Pflimlin Seeking Sweeping Powers For Algeria Crisis

Paris, May 22. The French Premier, Pierre Pflimlin, will stake the life of his Ministry on sweeping plans for constitutional reform, political observers said today.

These plans, which go much further than any previous project submitted to the National Assembly, aim at strengthening the stability and the powers of the government.

A preliminary agreement on the reform was reached at a restricted Cabinet meeting late last night, and the full Cabinet was discussing the project later today. The Government is planning to ask the Assembly this week to vote a resolution approving the principle of constitutional reform.

For this an absolute majority is necessary. If the Assembly approves, the Council of the Republic will then be asked to adopt a similar resolution.

If the Pflimlin government gets over these preliminary hurdles, it will ask the Assembly to speed up the process for studying the reform measure.

Under the first, to overthrow the government, the opposition would have to submit a motion of censure comprising a programme and the name of the man who could take over the government.

Under the second, inspired by the Swiss constitution, a period would be fixed during which it would be impossible to overthrow a Ministry. A period of two years is the most frequently mentioned.

To strengthen the power of the Executive, Pflimlin reportedly intends to propose that the vote of investiture of a government by the National Assembly should confer on the government very broad powers, leaving the Assembly to deal solely with the ratification of treaties, the drafting of electoral law and other similar functions.—France-Press.

Guided Missiles Blow Up: 7 Die, 3 Missing

Leonardo, New Jersey, May 22. Eight supersonic Nike Ajax guided missiles, with TNT warheads that can smash planes 60,000 feet in the air, exploded like a string of giant firecrackers today at a Nike base which the Army had ruled "as safe as a gas station." Seven men were killed and three were missing.

1,300 Troops Search For Eoka Leader

Nicosia, May 22. British troops launched a big hunt for the Eoka leader, George Grivas, and other Greek Cypriot extremists today in the mountainous region around Limassol in south Cyprus.

British troops, supplied by helicopters with food and ammunition because of the rugged terrain, started the search for Grivas early today. By tonight they had narrowed down the systematic comb-out to a mile-long valley in which several extremists were believed to have been trapped. It was not known definitely if Grivas was among them. Altogether 1,300 British troops were taking part in the hunt.—United Press.

Three men were injured, one seriously. It was feared the three missing men were blown to bits. All the casualties, including civilians and soldiers, were on the base. Damage to the base was estimated unofficially at \$150,000.

None of the missiles were equipped with nuclear warheads. The explosions sent clouds of missiles flying several miles through the air, landing in yards, fields and forests. Windows were shattered, foundations cracked and houses trembled as though in an earthquake.

A Mile Away The blasts knocked down one woman a mile and a half from the scene. Military sources said they thought one of the missiles had flown a distance and landed in Raritan Bay, about two miles away.

Explosions from surrounding communities were sent to the scene. Military and civilian hospitals were thrown open to handle the dead and injured. First reports said the blast occurred in an area at near a launching pad. However, military authorities later said the Nike-Ajax missiles had exploded. The missile contains liquid fuel.—United Press.

BUMPER CHINA HARVEST LIKELY

London, May 22. China will reap its best harvest in history this year unless natural disasters occur in the coming month, the New China News Agency reported today.

It quoted a spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture as saying the average under summer crops was more than last year's and a great increase in yield per acre was expected. Harvesting of winter wheat—the main crop—had already been completed in three southern provinces and was under way in five others. All these areas showed a marked increase in output, the spokesman said.

In the Huai River and Yellow River basins, China's major wheat-producing areas, harvesting had begun and the crops were better than in any previous year.

The spokesman called on city workers to help as much as possible at reaping time, which would reach its peak about the beginning of June.—Reuter.

Explosions Destroy Refinery

Long Beach, May 22. The \$15-million Hancecock Oil Co. refinery was destroyed by a series of explosions and fire today which sent flames 900 feet in the air and covered the entire Long Beach area with heavy, black smoke. At least two men were killed and the Long Beach Fire Department said there was an unconfirmed report two other persons had been trapped in a tank car engulfed in flames and were fatally burned.—U.P.

NEW TENSION ON TUNISIA FRONT

Algiers, May 22. Fighting between French and Tunisian troops brought new tension to the North African situation tonight.

The fighting broke out near Gafsa, 20 miles east of the border of troubled Algeria, during the morning and after a full resumed this evening with exchanges of automatic and mortar weapon fire.

A Tunisian Government communiqué in the early evening said the situation was "deteriorating" but later the fighting was reported to have ceased with no casualties. Tunisia's President, Habib Bourguiba, declared in a broadcast earlier that Tunisian and French soldiers were "face to face." He said French aircraft had bombed Gafsa airfield and added:

Precautions "I am afraid the French commander may not be inclined to recognize the authority of the French Government... French troops may respond to calls from Algiers."

This meant that Tunisia had to take precautions, including the mobilization of the national guard and the arming of the Tunisian people. Meanwhile, military sources in Algiers said an Italian vessel bound from a Yugoslav port had added:

Two Systems Two systems for giving greater stability to the government were today being considered by Pflimlin and his Cabinet colleagues.

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Under the second, inspired by the Swiss constitution, a period would be fixed during which it would be impossible to overthrow a Ministry. A period of two years is the most frequently mentioned.

HK FLAG RAISED IN TOKYO

Tokyo, May 23. The Hongkong flag was solemnly hoisted at 9 a.m. this morning at a formal ceremony which was held at Tokyo's Dai Ichi hotel—headquarters of the third Asian Games teams. The 101 Hongkong team wearing their blue blazers and holding their white straw hats, stood at attention as a 30-man Japanese military band struck up "God Save the Queen" in the presence of several hundred onlookers who held up all traffic for several minutes. The flag was hoisted by two Japanese naval ratings and two boy scouts, standing rigidly to attention. After the actual flag hoisting, Mr. A. De O. Sales, chairman of the Hongkong Olympic Committee, who stood at the head of the Hongkong delegation, called for three cheers for the Hongkong team.—France-Press.

MAY OBTAIN IMPROVED MAJORITY

KISHI'S GOVT LEADS IN ELECTIONS

Tokyo, May 23. With a two to one lead in early returns from yesterday's Japanese general election the generally Conservative and pro-Western government of Mr Nobusuke Kishi this morning appeared certain of re-election with a confirmed and possibly improved majority in the Japanese House of Representatives.

Opponents of Mr Kishi within his own party were losing ground at a stage when early counts for the 487 seats in the Lower House of the Diet gave the Conservatives 112 assured seats against the opposition Socialists 42.

The return to power of the governing Liberal-Democratic Party was in any case assured.

Major Question

One major question to be resolved was whether within his own party Mr Kishi would gain or lose support. These first returns showed him gaining. Later results from the big city constituencies were expected to show whether the Socialists increased or reduced their representation. As counting proceeded in the early morning hours the Liberal-Democrats had 155 assured seats.

Still no Communists had been elected at this stage. There were 8 Independents.

Socialists Gain

As counting progressed the Socialists took six seats which had formerly been Liberal-Democrat without at this stage any comparable gains showing for the governing party. The re-election of the Prime Minister, Mr Nobusuke Kishi, was already assured.

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DUKE LOSES HIS GLASSES

Glasgow, May 22. The Duke of Edinburgh lost his spectacles this afternoon and had to leave here without them. He sent Wing Commander H. W. Chinnery, his private secretary, back by police car to the nearby town of Paisley on discovering that he had mislaid the spectacles.

The wing commander returned here later and said: "I have searched everywhere and as they were not in Paisley I could only assume that they are on the royal train."

The Duke is on a tour of Britain in connection with his award scheme for young people.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Townsend Missing

London, May 22. A smiling Princess Margaret disappointed the Press tonight when she attended a charity performance here of "My Fair Lady," the current theatrical hit.

Large teams of reporters and photographers were at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, in case she should be accompanied by Group Captain Peter Townsend.

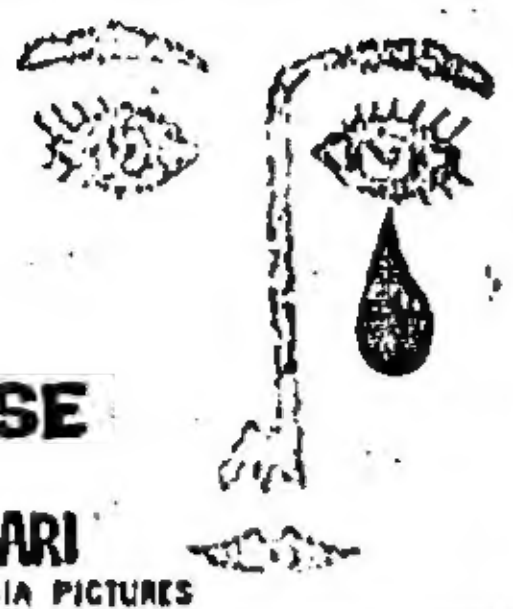
The slim, handsome former Royal equerry was not, however, in her party and there was no sign of him in the theatre.—Reuter.

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It was a big moment for nine-year-old Peter Wooley when Princess Margaret reached his bedside in Lewisham Hospital, where she opened a new wing of the hospital.

"Tell the Princess your name," said Miss Marjorie Bell, the matron.

But Peter's excitement got the better of him. He collapsed in giggles, flung himself on the bed and squealed up at the Princess through his fists.—Express.

Canada's Cotton Industry Being Under-Cut

Ottawa, May 22. The Tariff Board was told today that the United States, Japan and Britain have completely priced Canada's cotton industry out of the manufacture of good-quality cottons for the Canadian dress market.

The statement was made to the board by Mr. J. D. Paddon, Vice-President of Production of Canadian Cottons Limited, during hearings on an application by the primary textile institute for higher tariff protection against cotton goods imports.

TO COMPETE

Mr. Paddon said the Canadian industry was unable to compete with imports from the U.S., Japan and Britain at a time when good-quality cottons are growing in popularity as a dress material. The industry could obtain a fair share of the market only through higher import duties.

Mr. Eric Hehner of Ottawa, counsel for the institute, said the best cotton dresses are made of yarn-dyed goods—cottons where the yarn has been dyed before weaving.

He said the main cloths for dresses include poplin, muslin, voile, gingham and sheers. Mr. Paddon said the Canadian cotton industry no longer produces cottons of this type for sale to Canadian dress manufacturers. It now manufactures high quality cottons only for men's wear, children's clothing, mattress coverings and for retail sale by the yard.

"We are not producing any yarn dyed goods for the dress market," he said.—Reuter.

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DOCKERS' STRIKE TAKES A TURN FOR WORSE

London, May 22. More than 9,000 striking dockers idled 46 ships in the Port of London today as Britain's strike situation took a turn for the worse.

At the same time, a bid by the London Transport Executive to end the 17-day-old bus strike before the weekend holiday failed. The Union leader, Frank Cousins, refused to attend an exploratory meeting with the L.T.E. chairman, Sir John Elliott.

There was no end in sight either for the snowball strike of 1,500 workers at the Swindon plant of the Pressed Steel Company, a strike which has thrown 30,000 motor workers out of work or on short time, and cost Britain millions of pounds in export orders.

ALLEGATION

London's unofficial dock strike started last week in support of the 6,000 Smithfield meat market workers. Until yesterday it had received little support.

But an allegation by the dock unions that the employers were introducing "blackleg" labour started a mammoth walkout any by last night more than 5,000 dockers had stopped work.

Today 4,000 more had joined the strike, and Port of London officials said 46 ships were idle and seven undermanned.—United Press.

Peking Panda Arrives In Germany

Frankfurt, May 22. The first giant panda bear for exhibition in a Western zoo in 20 years is en route to Frankfurt from China, zoo director Dr. Bernhard Grzimek said today.

The panda, a three-year-old female named Chi-Chi, was bought from the Peking Zoo by a Frankfurt zoo representative. It arrived in East Berlin by Russian aircraft yesterday and was expected here today.

DEPARTURE

Chi-Chi's departure reduces the Peking panda population to two from its original four, Grzimek said. The first panda to leave China since the war was given to the Moscow Zoo recently by the Chinese Government as a present to the Soviet leader Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

Grzimek said that because of the high price of the panda—in the neighbourhood of US\$60,000—the Frankfurt Zoo probably could not afford to keep it here. He said Chi-Chi probably would be sold to an American zoo.—United Press.

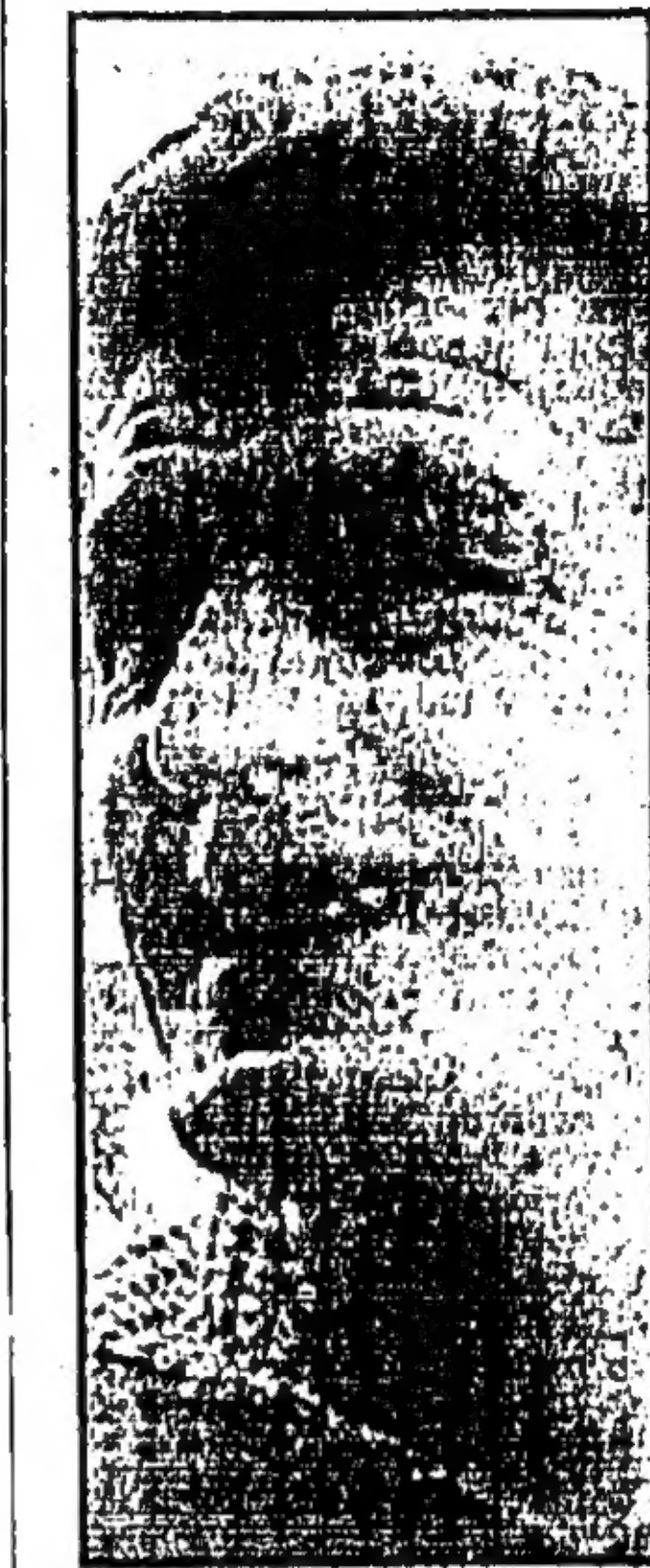
Steps To Prevent Air Crashes

Washington, May 22. President Eisenhower today ordered put into effect as soon as possible a series of steps to prevent crashes of planes in flight.

One would require military jet aircraft flown by student pilots on civilian airways to fly under Civil Aeronautics Administration control and under instrument flight rules.

All so-called jet "penetrations"—descending from a high to a lower altitude—will be done away from civilian airways.—United Press.

He Does It Again!



Harry Sugarman, London salesman, has succeeded in getting into Wembley Stadium, on Cup Final day for the last three years—without a ticket.

And he says: "I'll be there next year again. How has he done it? Well, his policy is to dress up in an expensive suit—plus buttonhole carnation—position himself near the player's entrance—and walk in with the team. Last year he walked in behind Manchester United manager Matt Busby.

He gets himself into the victory photographs too—by positioning himself by the winning skipper—just as the picture is to be taken.—Express

Agenda Of Lambeth Conference

London, May 22. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, said today that union of the churches would be a main topic of discussion among the 320 bishops from many parts of the world who assemble here in July for the Lambeth conference.

The Archbishop told a press conference of the chief aims of the conference, normally held every ten years at which bishops and archbishops of the Anglican communion debate questions of church policy and doctrine.

The conference, held at Lambeth Palace, home of the Archbishop of Canterbury, will discuss the family in modern society, the bible, the progress of the Anglican communion and the "reconciling of conflicts between nations."

Committees will be formed after the opening ceremony to examine the various topics, and the full conference will make its pronouncements after considering reports by these committees.

The findings of the conference, which is held in private will be announced on August 28.—China Mail Special.

Linz, May 22. Three Czech soldiers, aged from 20 to 21 today crossed the Austrian border in full uniform and equipment and asked the authorities in Rohrbach for political asylum.

The soldiers told the police that they had fled because they were dissatisfied with the political and economic situation in their country.—France Press

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MPs Told**

Algiers, May 22. The Algiers Public Safety Committee told members of the French Parliament tonight that they should consider themselves "mobilized" in Paris in order to press for a Public Safety government, headed by General Charles De Gaulle.

A statement issued by the Algiers Committee said that members of Parliament should remain in Metropolitan France in order to undertake on the spot the necessary fight.

It added: "Their duty is clear. There are only two paths open to them: A Government of Public Safety headed by General De Gaulle or collaboration with the Communist plot."

The statement said: "French members of Parliament—the Committee of Public Safety of May 13 appeals to you to choose the path of honour and revival."

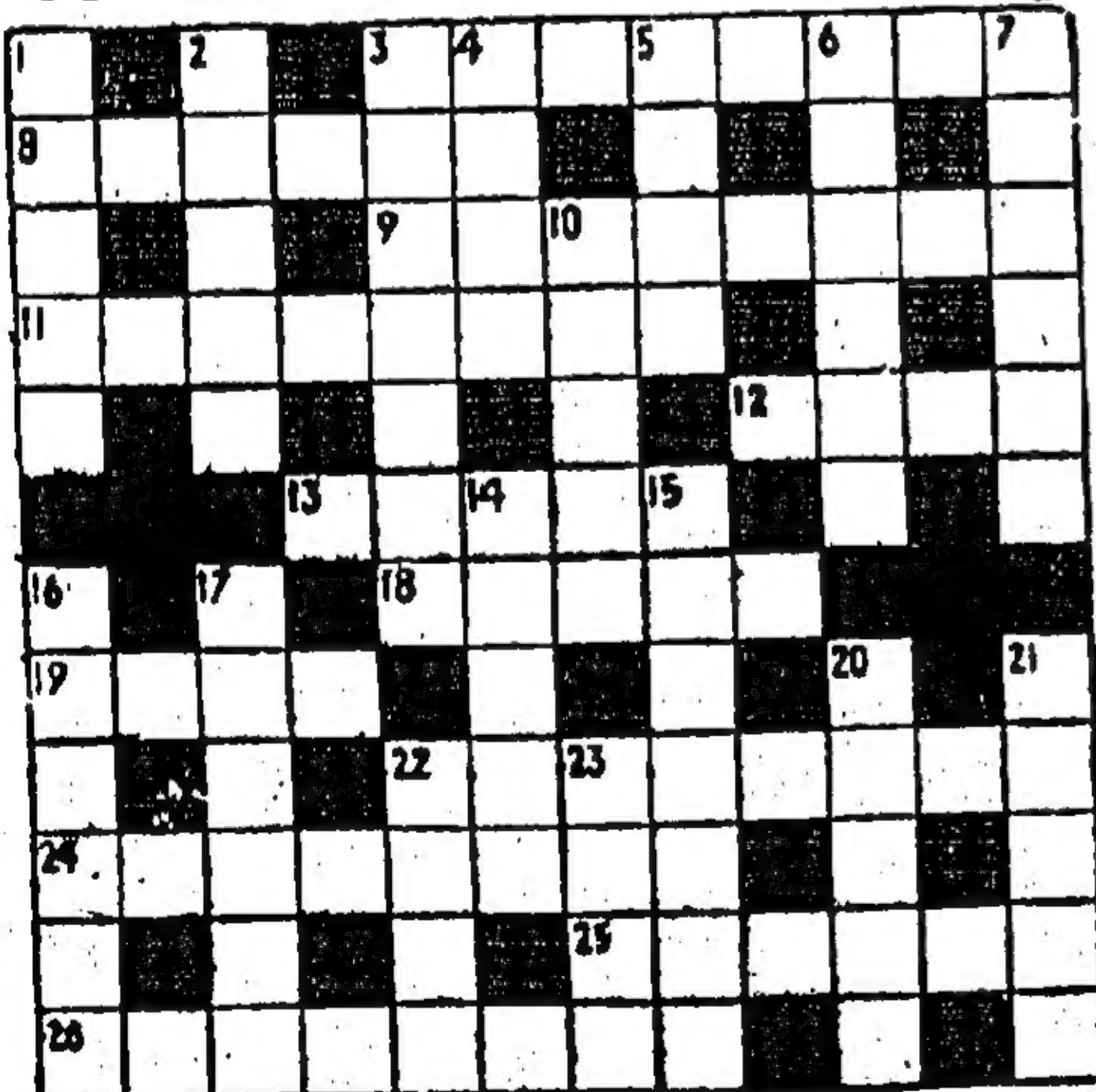
"French members of Parliament—the people and the Committee of Public Safety of May 13 will judge you according to your deeds."—France-Press.

Down Comes The Queen

Kuala Lumpur, May 22. Portraits of the Queen and a former British High Commissioner, Sir Donald MacGillivray, were today taken down from the walls of the Kuala Trengganu town council chamber.

This follows criticism by Councillor Ische Mansor Bin Mohammed, who said he thought the portraits should be displayed with those of the King and Queen of Malaysia and the Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Mason's novel four (8).
 - Seen to be seen (6).
 - Up for a party, down for a telling-off (8).
 - Objects (8).
 - Splendid—except for the payer, of course (4).
 - Is really angry (5).
 - Unoccupied (2, 3).
 - Puts to some purpose (4).
 - Stout fellow (8).
 - Financial letter? (8).
 - Very trying time (6).
 - They're uncommonly valuable (4, 4).
- DOWN**
- Slopes for pram (5).
 - Hoax someone (5).
 - Vanish into thin air? (4, 3).
 - Does wrong (4).
 - The act of a money-spinner (4).
 - An invigorating drink (6).
 - It's a bird by the sound of it (6).
 - Feminine name (5).
 - Short saying (5).
 - They don't give things away (7).
 - Best of three or five (6).
 - A colloquial "24" (6).
 - Clownish trick? (8).
 - Coral reef (5).
 - All nice and cosy (4).
 - A cat bomb (5).

THURSDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Dalmatian, 7 Hell-o, 8 Sirens, 10 Rasher, 13 Dopesters, 15 Tubs, 17 Blowdown, 18 Hostile, 20 Ape, 21 Rustace, 26 Tasted, 27 All right, 28 Awake, 29 Slightness. Down: 1 Third, 2 Clasp, 3 Doses, 4 Meek, 5 Tissue, 6 Aches, 9 Trable, 11 Asap, 12 Hosts, 14 Sleuth, 15 Twits, 16 Brace, 18 Harass, 19 Sealed, 22 Satan, 23 Alike, 24 Begged, 25 Pins.

Now—A Merger With Federation Of Malaya?

London, May 22. Mr Lim Yew-hock, Singapore's Chief Minister, said here tonight that the Crown Colony's delegation to the constitutional conference with Britain was satisfied with the talks.

He said that "matters of substance" had been agreed during the ten-day-old Anglo-Singapore constitutional conference, which has been examining a draft constitution giving the island full internal self-government.

Mr Lim was answering questions about the conference, which is due to hold its final session next Tuesday, at a meeting of students in London from the Malayan Federation and Singapore.

He said that the purpose of his all-party delegation of five to the conference was clear. "We want to ensure that the draft constitution is a correct translation into legal language of what we agreed last year."

Home Rule
The draft constitution is based on agreements reached by an Anglo-Singapore constitutional conference in April of last year.

It was then decided that Singapore should get "Home Rule" but Britain should continue to be responsible for the big South-East Asian naval bases, external defence and the island's foreign affairs. Stating that the delegation was satisfied, he added that "what we have agreed is going to be no more and no less than what we agreed to last year."

Terminology
He said that it was understood that if there was need for any legal terminology to be "polished up" in the new draft constitution, even after the delegation returned to Singapore, this could be done. But matters of substance had been agreed.

Answering a question about what his delegation were on the question of a merger between Singapore and the Malayan Federation, which became an independent Commonwealth nation last August, Mr Lim said: "We are very anxious to be a part of the Federation of Malaya."—Reuter.

Glasgow Court Told:

HE LED POLICE TO STRANGLED GIRL'S GRAVE AT MIDNIGHT

THE MASS MURDER CASE CONTINUES

Glasgow, May 22.

Peter Anthony Manuel, 32-year-old bachelor charged with eight murders, led two detectives to whom he was handcuffed across a ploughed field at midnight to a spot where he buried the body of a teenage girl, it was alleged in court here today.

Detective Inspector Thomas Goodall of Glasgow Criminal Investigation Department claimed that Manuel told him and other officers that he would only lead them to the body in the dark.

The girl was 17-year-old Isabelle Cooke whom Manuel is alleged to have strangled.

The tenth day of the trial opened with a dramatic development when Manuel told his legal advisers that he wanted to conduct his own defence.

When the morning session began Manuel rose in the dock to ask the judge for permission to confer with his counsel.

CHATTED
The court adjourned while the Manhattan-born woodworker, who has been alleged by police to have confessed to the murders, chatted in a cell with his counsel, Mr Harold Leslie, and Mr W. R. Grievie.

Forty-six minutes later the court reassembled and Mr Leslie announced he was no longer acting for Manuel. He and his junior counsel retired from the court to tell reporters: "We are free."

Manuel has pleaded not guilty to murdering a family of three, two teenage girls and three other women and to housebreaking and stealing a car.

Yesterday, police produced an alleged statement by Manuel describing in detail how he killed his victims—one teenager

FIRST PICTURE OF BRITISH ARTIST



British painter Graham Sutherland in his studio overlooking the French Riviera town of Menton. This is the first time he has allowed himself to be photographed at work. Centre is a picture which repeats a theme from a previous picture, the eagle, one of the four Beasts of the revelation, appears in his design for Coventry Cathedral's tapestry. On right is a painting Sutherland is working on.—Express Exclusive.

Colonial Office Was Told

London, May 22. The Archbishop of Canterbury twice informed the Colonial Office of his intention of invading the Cypriot leader, Archbishop Makarios, to London to the Lambeth conference next month, officials disclosed tonight.—United Press.

Manuel, cross-examining from the dock, stood with one hand on his hip and fired a series of questions at the detective.

Manuel maintained that a detective superintendent named Brown said to him: "Manuel, I have got you this time. You won't get away with this, and I am going to pin eight murders on you."

Inspector Goodall answered: "No, he did not say that. He may have said something, but it certainly was not that."

Referring to a signature which purports to be mine, Manuel asked: "Did you write that?" "I did not," Inspector Goodall replied.—Reuter.

Queen Sees Britain's Guided Missiles



Queen Elizabeth

London, May 22. Britain's new guided weapons were shown to the Queen today when she visited the headquarters of the Royal Artillery here.

The Queen, who is Captain-General of the Regiment, landed in the British Army, was greeted by a fanfare of trumpeters from the roof of the Regimental depot.

And the Kings Troop of Royal Horse Artillery, in full ceremonial uniform, fired a 21-gun salute.

Dressed in a coral pink feathered hat, she toured a display of the latest equipment now in service with the gunners.

The Queen saw the Corporal—the ground-to-ground guided weapon—and the Thunderbird, the new mobile ground-to-air weapon used for defence in the field.

After inspecting a guard of honour and taking the salute at a march past, she lunched in the officers' mess and later started off on her journey to Sandringham, in Norfolk, where she is spending the Whit Sunday holiday.—Reuter.

Six Students Die In Bloody Clashes With Police

Panama City, May 22.

High school and university students clashed with city police and National Guardsmen in bloody rioting over school facilities rights today. Civil rights were suspended and casualties apparently were high. At least six persons were killed and 24 wounded up to late afternoon.

Heavy machine gun firing could be heard this afternoon in the area around J Street and Central Avenue, an area of cafes and shops well-known to tourists. Firemen-manned ambulances were shuttling back and forth as fast as possible between hospitals and the fighting area.

Nearly a thousand rebellious high school students gathered in front of the National Institute in call a 24-hour strike at midnight.—United Press.

PERON TO RETURN



Peron.

TOP SPEED
Three prowls full of machinegun-carrying Panama policemen screamed toward the university area at top speed of the fighting spread in the second set of riots to hit this city this week.

Miguel Antonio Ballata, 16-year-old student, was wounded seriously with a bullet in his stomach as police and Federal troops fought bitter gun duels with guerrilla fighters firing from roof tops. US officials feared the rioting might spread into the Canal Zone and closed off Fourth of July Avenue, which serves as a boundary separating the Zone from Panama.

ROAD BLOCKS
Flying Squads of motorcycle police rained the city dismantling crude road blocks set up by students across all the principal streets.

Police used tear gas in Santa Ana Plaza to chase youths who threw a barrage of rocks at police from behind a barricade of overturned ash cans. Other police patrolled the city in trucks and fired sporadic shots into the air.

Buenos Aires, May 22. The Chamber of Deputies today opened the way for former dictator Juan Peron (pictured above) to return home by unanimously approving a bill granting amnesty to him and all his exiled followers.—United Press.

Yemen's Red Technicians

KING CUTS DOWN ON NUMBER OF ADVISERS

Aden, May 22. THERE are about 150 Iron Curtain technicians working in Yemen, it was reliably reported here today.

This is about 100 more than a year ago. American sources said reports that King Ahmed of Yemen was cutting down on the number of technical advisers arose from the fact that he had banned Communist technicians from the country's two capitals of Taiz and Sanaa. But he did not ban them from the country, these sources said. He simply told them to stay in the outlying areas where they work.

The reason for the move was reported to be the fact that his son, the Crown Prince, had been showing too great a liking for Russian hospitality and the Imam feared that he might get in the habit of frequenting vodka parties and might also fall into the snares of the factions which always are plotting against the Imam's rule. Some of the Russian engineers were believed to be working on modernising old Turkish fortifications at Sheikh Said, just across the border from Aden.—United Press.

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THE YOUNG LIONS

When a woman calls your bluff—you must fight

Chapter 3 of the Big Brando Film

CHAPTER THREE: The web of war is slowly drawing together the three young men who are The Young Lions. This version of the story of the sensational film—prepared by Leonard Mosley—shows how Marlon Brando's Nazi officer and the two American soldiers are shaping up to meet their destinies.

IN the end it is one drink too many that gets Michael Whiteacre into the war—the sharp end of the war, I mean, where the only thing ahead is the enemy.

So far he has kept well and truly clear of anything that smells or sounds like front-line duty. He has a comfortable job, working for a chairborne captain, in London.

He even sees his girl-friend Margaret, who has wangled her way from New York to a billet in the Office of War Information.

Except for the odd twinge of conscience, Michael really has nothing to worry about.

Then, one night shortly after D-Day, when most of the young men with whom he was drafted into the army—Noah Ackerman among them—are fighting and dying in Normandy, he makes the mistake of getting drunk.

He and Margaret are sitting at a table in a London Service club. Over in the corner a group of Australian Air Force officers are drinking and singing, and the song on their lips is not a nursery lullaby.

"My father's a black marketeer," says Michael. "My mother sells synthetic gin."

Suddenly Michael bursts into sardonic laughter. He has been looking at the expression on the faces of some shocked American generals standing at the bar.

"What are you laughing at?" asks his girl.

"The faces of those generals. I can't stand them. What a crew! They don't look as if they could lead the troops up the wall of a German fortress, do they?"

Says Margaret, nastily: "Don't worry. They're not going to lead you into any place except the bar of a London pub."

He looks at her. "Now, let's not go into that again."

"Then stop sneering," she says. "They ought to call you Michael One-Note. Always cutting down promotions. Why do you insist on remaining a private in the army, where you know you could..."

Says Michael: "It's gall, I guess. Doctor Freud would say that I'm punishing myself for staying out of combat."

"Then," remarks Margaret, quietly, "why don't you go into it? Stop feeling guilty. It's getting a little sickening."

"Because I'd rather be guilty than dead."

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He staggers to his feet and lurches over to one of the generals.

"Will you do something for me, general?" he asked.

"I don't know. What is it?" "Can you send me back to my old outfit? They're fighting in Europe."

The general hesitates. "I suppose so. But why don't you just go through channels?"

"Because," says Michael, "I don't want to wait that long."

The general takes out a notebook and hands it to Michael. "All right. Give me your name and serial number."

Michael Whiteacre writes it down and then turns back towards his girl. From the look on his face you can tell that he is already hearing in his mind the sound of whizzing bullets and bursting shells.

Betrayed

FOR Christian Diehl the moment of truth is also coming near.

But before a well-directed burst of bullets teaches him the final lesson of the war—and of his creed—there are less lethal

then you change. I would like to give up now, and stay with you. But it is too late. I am a German officer, and I have come too far."

On an impulse, he pays a visit to the home of his old superior officer, Captain Hardenburg, whom he has left behind in Africa with a wounded face, from which all the features have been burned away.

This is the home where he betrayed his captain by staying the night with Hardenburg's sluttish wife, Gretchen.

She too has changed. Her hair is untidy and her arrogant beauty has begun to fade. She looks at him with back-lustre eyes. She has been through so many experiences, and known so many men, that she does not even remember him at first.

She makes an attempt to be coquettish, but he brusquely asks her about her husband.

"He was my superior officer, you know," says Diehl. "The last time I saw him, he was in hospital. Have you heard from him since?"

She shrugs her shoulders. "My husband? He killed himself."

Diehl stares at her wildly. "But it's impossible."

"He killed himself," says Gretchen. "With a bayonet someone smuggled in to him. I have the letter somewhere."

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Experience

NOAH ACKERMAN, the New York Jew, has come a long way too. All the way across the ocean to Europe. All the way up the mined and bullet-swept beaches into Normandy. All the way across a battered, embittered France to the bastions of Germany itself.

According to the script of the film, it was both Americans who fired the fatal shots. "They hear the crackling of brush, take cover behind trees, and shift their guns towards the area," says the script. "Christian appears

suddenly in the rim of the gully. They both snap shoot... Christian is on the floor, mortally wounded in the abdomen."

A spokesman of Twentieth Century-Fox, producers of the film, confirms that it was probably the intention of Director Edward Dmytryk that both men shoot and kill.

"It looks as if Dean Martin did it alone," he said, "because at the vital moment the camera draws back. Montgomery Clift goes out of the frame, and only Martin can be seen."

The two American soldiers, who have come so far and experienced so much, but have never had the worst experience of all, wander down the road into the peace and soft sunlit shadows of the woods around the camp.

They do not know it, but they are going the way that Christian Diehl has gone.

For this?

DISGUST, self-disgust, is consuming him, too. He sits on a tree stump, letting the knowledge of what he has been fighting for all through this war lap like bile in his stomach, his heart, and his mind.

Suddenly, as his eye catches the gun with which he has killed so many he goes berserk. He takes up his gun and, holding it by the barrel, he begins to bang it to pieces against the stump, shouting: "Is it for this I fought? Is it for this I killed—and believed?"

Down below him, on the path, the two American soldiers hear the shouts and immediately lift their guns. They creep forward. They see above them a glint of field-grey uniform.

Diehl, his gun smashed now, staggers downhill. And suddenly, Whiteacre sees him.

"Look out, a Kraut!" he shouts.

Diehl comes on. Simultaneously, Whiteacre and Diehl open fire, in a reflex action of disgust and horror, at coming up against the German enemy so shortly after the horror in the camp down the road.

Diehl clutches his belly, and a look of surprise crosses his stubbled but still arrogant face. The blood begins to spurt from his mouth. Then he tumbles and rolls down hill, and his fair blond head slumps into the muddy waters of a ditch, almost at the feet of the two Americans.

The three Young Lions have met at last—the German, the Jew, and the Broadway playboy.

THE END

ARTIE...

Sickening

THEY open the huts littered around the camp, and they see before them the terrible, sickening sight of Hitler's victims lying there, too weak even to greet their liberators.

Ackerman's commanding officer, watching the way this battle-scarred but still gentle Jew reacts to the sight of the way the people of his race have suffered, makes a gesture to Whiteacre.

"Take him out of here—into the fresh air," he whispers.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Sacrifice Is Smart Defence

By OSWALD JACOBY

TAKE a look at the West and North hands and see if you would have bid and defended with the West cards the same way that Ira Rubin of New York did.

Your first problem comes at your turn to bid. Your partner passes and South bids one spade. You are vulnerable but you have a good hand and decide to bid two clubs only. North bids two spades and South jumps to game.

You have no trouble finding the king of clubs as your opening lead. Your partner plays the seven and South drops the deuce. What do you play now?

It doesn't take much study to see that a club continuation is indicated but Ira went one step further and played the queen of clubs!

His reasoning was that South surely held the club ace and surely had a good reason to let

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East South West North		
Pass 1 2 2 2		
Pass 4 4 Pass Pass		
Opening lead—K		

the king hold. Hence, South held three clubs and was afraid of an eventual club ruff. Then why lead the queen?

Ira saw that his second club lead put his queen's head on the chopping block in any event and wanted to keep dummy out of the lead. Maybe South was void of diamonds.

That last was the case. A low club lead would have let South get to dummy for a discard of the third club and he would have made the hand. The queen play put him in his own hand. Now there was no way declarer could avoid the club ruff so down he went.

CARD GAME

Q—The bidding has been: East South West North 1 1 1 Double 1 4 Pass

You, South, hold: AS VAQST6 K3 AQJ1084 What do you do?

A—Bid two clubs. This may be your side's hand and you have a good club suit.

TODAY'S QUESTION West passes and your partner bids three clubs. East passes. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

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This Funny World



"I heard a screamingly funny joke today—but I don't get it!"

Women's World

A YOUNG mother started a new idea rolling in bank merchandising. She became a bank hostess on skates. Vivacious Mrs. Norma Coker, 18, spends 40 hours a week whirling about a five-lane drive-in bank handling out balloons and candy to children and directing traffic to the teller windows.

A former model, Mrs. Coker wears brief, colorful costumes for her job. In winter, she comes to work dressed in white Bermuda shorts and a sweater. In warmer weather, she wears a blouse and short, full skirt.

COMMENTS

Mrs. Coker says the exercise and fresh air keeps her healthy. She enjoys her work, and the public likes her.

She also is a bookkeeper and secretary. After regular banking hours, she does secretarial work in the business office.

The skating hostess gets comments on her job from all over the world. One person from England said that "nowhere else in the United States, and nowhere in the U.S. but Texas, could such a thing be done."

Mrs. Coker got the job when she went to an employment agency looking for office work. The interviewer asked her if she could skate. Mrs. Coker said she could get around on wheels, so she was sent to the bank.

ORIENTAL MAKE-UP GOES TO U.S.

A WOMAN who has used Oriental cosmetics for years thinks other American women may like them and has

gone into the importing business. Mrs. Rose L. Chow has begun importing powder and rouge from Sam Fong's Products in Hongkong. The manufacturer's title is not a man's name but means "Three Beauties." The firm exports its products mainly to India, the Philippines, and other Asian countries.

One of the items being imported is a powder paper, a booklet of thin powdered sheets which can be torn out singly and discarded after use.

SPACE GIRLS FIRST?

Dayton, Ohio. THE first person to travel in a space might be a woman. At least, that is what is indicated by a recent test at Wright-Patterson Air Development Center here.

Captain George Ruff, chief psychiatrist of the Center's medical laboratory's Stress and Fatigue section, said the center had been carrying on for some time tests to determine strong emotional reactions to space flight conditions.

Until recently, no male subject had stayed in isolation in a darkened chamber longer than three days. Up to last January, none had remained inside as long as 48 hours.

Now, a woman, whom he refused to identify, has just completed a seven-day stretch in the isolation chamber. She passed the test without any apparent adverse isolation effects, he said.

The woman is a member of the laboratory at the center.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, MAY 23

Many New Records May Be Set Up In Athletics & Swimming

Tokyo, May.

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FRIDAY, MAY 23, 1958.

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ARCHITECT LOSES APPEAL

Name Struck Off For Five Years

An appeal brought by an architect, Shui-chiu Yue, 62, against the penalty imposed by an Architects' Disciplinary Board on March 8 for professional misconduct was refused by Mr Justice C.W. Reece, in the Appeals Court this morning.

Yue was ordered by the Board to have his name struck off the architects' register for five years in connection with the construction of a building in West Point, of which he was the architect.

Mr Patrick Yu, representing the appellant, told the Court that it was a clear case of negligence on the part of the appellant. He asked that the decision of the Board be varied by reducing the five-year period to one year or some other shorter period as the Court might see fit.

In refusing the appeal, Mr Justice Reece said he saw no justification for interfering with the Board's decision.

Mr W.S. Collier, Crown Counsel, appeared for the Crown.

Mr Yu was instructed by Mr P.T. Yu, of Messrs F. Zimmerman and Co.

Anonymous Letter

Mr Yu told the Court that the appellant was an architect in charge of the construction of a building in West Point and sometimes towards the conclusion of the construction, the Building Authority received an anonymous letter informing them that there had been certain divergences in the plans as approved by the Building Authorities. Inspections were made and it was found that these divergences existed.

Counsel said it had been pointed out that there was an increase of 20 per cent in the size of the building, but according to actual measurements, the increase only amounted to 12 per cent.

Counsel said he would like to mention that there was no question of the divergences causing any danger to the public. If that were so, the building would have been demolished.

He said during the course of the construction, there were inspectors of the Public Works Department visiting the site and apparently these divergences in the course of construction had not only escaped the appellant's notice but also escaped the notice of the inspectors.

Mr Yu said this was a clear case of negligence on the part of the appellant and the divergences were some extent due to the fact that the appellant

The Results

Mr Collier drew the Court's attention to two matters. In the first place, Mr Collier said, one should look at the results of the divergences rather than the percentage of the increase.

Mr Collier also referred to the reduced open space, and other matters which, he said, were some of the things which the Ordinance was specifically designed to stop. Apart from proper construction of the building, it was considered in the Ordinance to enclose open space and circulation of air.

The other point was that the people really responsible for carrying out the requirements of the plan were the architects. To observe the carrying out of the plans was the responsibility of the architect, Mr Collier added.

Refusing the appeal, Mr Justice Reece said it was the specific function of the Board to determine if any people of their profession had complied with the regulations of the Ordinance or whether or not they had failed to discharge duties placed upon them. It was also the Board's function to determine the quantity of punishment.

One Visit

It was conceded by all sides that the appellant had been grossly negligent. The Court's attention was directed to one passage where it was said the appellant had visited the site once in six months and that apparently had made a very grave impression upon the board. It could hardly be said that an architect who visited the site once in six months had discharged his duties.

Again, not to speak of the divergences in the actual carrying out of the plans but in the actual materials employed, it was impossible to determine the nature of the interior except by pulling it down, Mr Justice Reece said.

To reduce the present penalty to a period of one year, as requested by the appellant, would be making nonsense of the function of the Board, and would be quite unjustified because it must be seen that the Board was manifestly wrong in passing the sentence.

Suspects Detained

Three Chinese have been arrested by the Police following a number of street thefts in Kowloon during the past two days.

Batteries Stolen

Batteries were stolen from two lorries parked in Bonham Strand East on Wednesday night.

Man Faints In Court: Attempted Murder Trial Halted

The trial of a 27-year-old stoker, To Chi-wai, for attempted murder of two police constables was suddenly interrupted this morning when he fainted during his testimony at the Criminal Session.

The case was subsequently adjourned for a short while, to allow accused to rest.

The trial is before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg and a Jury of four men and three women.

It was stated that accused was driving his car with DPC 1357 and DPC 4309, as passengers, on February 4 last, en route to a police station, and while travelling along Pokfulam Road near Queen Mary Hospital, the car turned and plunged down a 170-foot embankment.

To focus alternatives of causing grievous bodily harm with intent to the two police constables.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, and Mr D. G. Willis, Crown Counsel, assisted by Del. Insp. J. W. Currie, is prosecuting.

Three Accidents

To said in evidence that between last year and this February, he had driven a motor car about 12 times.

Mr Shurlock: Before February this year you drive how many times did you drive motor car No. AA3215.

Accused: Twice.

When did you first drive a motor car?—I have been driving a motor car since 1934.

Since 1934 have you ever been involved in any accident?

How many times?—Three times and some other minor traffic offences.

Pensive Mood

Concerning the first accident, accused said it occurred on about June 12, 1957. About 4 a.m. that day he stated that he was driving a car with his friend. After he had left his friend at his home, accused said he drove alone and was passing by St. Teresa's Hospital. "Because I was in a pensive mood I did not notice anything," accused added.

Instead of driving in a straight line, he had driven his car across to the other side and collided with another car.

In answer to the Court, accused said when he was saying that he was in a pensive mood, he meant that he was thinking.

Mr Shurlock: What was the damage caused to your car and the other car?

Lips Cut

Accused: When I was discharged from the Kowloon Hospital the following day, I discovered that the front part of my car was damaged and all my glass panes broken. And I was cut on the lips.

When accused was again asked by the Court what he meant by being in a "pensive mood," he stated that he did not realise what was going on because he was thinking about his own affairs.

His Lordship: Have you ever tried that before or ever since?

To: On another occasion along Clear Water Bay Road in order to avoid hitting a dog I drove a car into a hillside.

When he was asked whether or not he was then in apprehension, accused said some words in Chinese which meant "I am not feeling well." He then showed signs of fainting.

Mr Justice Gregg then adjourned the case for a short while to allow accused to have a rest.

When the Court resumed, accused appeared to have completely recovered and continued giving his testimony.

Mr Shurlock: In the second accident was your car damaged? Accused: One of the cars was damaged.

Hearing is proceeding.

Government Appointments Gazetted

The following appointments, postings, transfers and promotions in the various Government departments were announced in today's Government Gazette:

N.T. Administration: Mr D. C. Bray, Cadet Officer, Class II, to be District Officer as from May 10.

Supreme Court: Mr P. R. Spraggall, Deputy Registrar, to be Acting Registrar, Mr A. L. Leathern, Magistrate, to be Acting Deputy Registrar as from May 21, vice Mr Spraggall.

Civil Aide: Lt-Col C. G. Hilliard, Principal Training Officer, to be Deputy Commissioner (Operations) on May 1, in addition to his duty as Principal Training Officer.

Marine: Mr C. Cairns, Assistant Director of Marine (Port Control), to be Acting Director of Marine as from May 19, vice Mr R. K. Collins.

Mr R. C. Yrall, Marine Officer, to be Acting Senior Marine Officer during the absence of Mr D. L. P. Edwards.

Education: Mr Chung Wah-ling and Mr Young Yuk-wah, Assistant Education Officers, to be Education Officers.

Audit Office: Mr Goh Kim-toon to be Acting Senior Auditor as from March 20, during the absence of Mr B. I. Tucker.

Police: The appointment of Mr E. W. Ross-Gwynne as Senior Superintendent, has been approved.

Crown Lands: Mr W. L. T. Crunden, Estate Surveyor, to be Acting Assistant Superintendent of Crown Lands as from May 17, during the absence of Mr R. H. Hughes.

Textile Dividend

The directors of The Textile Corporation of Hong Kong Limited announced that from the total available for appropriations in respect of the year ended March 31, 1958, which is subject to audit, they recommend that the forthcoming annual general meeting of shareholders the payment of a dividend of 60 cents per share, absorbing HK\$900,000, and the transfer of HK\$1 million to reserve.

This is an increase of 10 cents over last year's dividend.

Union Insurance Society Annual Meeting

The Chairman of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. told the annual meeting today he was confident their North American business would in due course revert to a paying basis.

The Chairman, Mr J. F. Macgregor, reported that the board of directors continued to watch for opportunities for expansion into potentially profitable territories, and that the agency appointments in the Caribbean area, planned five years ago, were producing increasingly satisfactory results.

The Society made a net profit of £461,978 for 1957, compared with £354,727 for the previous year. A final dividend of 2s. 3d. a share was declared in addition to the interim dividend of 2s. a share paid on November 21. After appropriations, £309,525 were carried forward.

Unprofitable

The Chairman said: "Although the Marine Revenue Account displays a substantial premium increase, in certain areas we have curtailed our commitments owing to underwriting conditions. This is particularly applicable to the London market, where certain revisions in underwriting policy were made towards the end of the year and it is anticipated that this action will result in a levelling off and probably a reduction in future premium income."

"In amplification of the information given in my statement I would add that insurance conditions in Canada and the United States of America have been such that the majority of companies operating in these territories have been involved in unprofitable underwriting outcomes. Our own experience is no different from that of the general trend but the losses sustained there in the Fire and Accident departments have been more than absorbed by the profitable results from the other areas where we operate."

"Whilst I cannot force any immediate reversal of the conditions applicable to North America, there are signs that certain revisions in rates will have beneficial effects. It will take time to bring rates into line with the current coverage granted by policies owing to the many formalities to be complied with and the long term nature of the majority of policies in existence there."

"However, I am confident that our North American business will in due course revert to a paying basis."

Greatly Improved

"The results of the Fire Department mainly reflect the conditions in North America, which I have just referred to, and are less satisfactory than we would wish to see. The Accident Revenue Account shows a greatly improved result as compared with the previous year and it is pleasing to see that it has produced a modest profit in spite of substantial expansion entailing for an additional £408,248 in the Fund to care for unexpired liabilities."

"The Consolidated Profit and Loss Account for the year shows a net profit of £461,978, which compares very favourably with the net profit in 1956 of £354,727. This year, transfers from Revenue Accounts to the Profit & Loss Account provided £209,246 whilst last year the comparable figure was £103,577. With regard to the Provision for Taxation, I would mention that this is the provision estimated to cover the taxation for the current year less an adjustment on account of over-provisions in previous years."

"You will see incorporated in the Profit & Loss Appropriation Account the figures reflecting the directors' recommendation that a final dividend for the year 1957 of 2s. 3d. per share be paid. With the interim dividend paid last November, this will result in a total dividend per £1 share for the year 1957 of 4s. 3d., which, at 21 1/4%, is the same percentage rate as was declared in 1956 on the then £10 shares."

Assets

"I have little to add to my Statement in so far as the Balance Sheet is concerned. The total of our Consolidated Assets now appears at well over £20 million for the first time. This represents considerable growth during the past few years and when we see from the certificates that the Stock Exchange Securities have been taken at or under their mean market values as at December 31, and I add that each individual investment complies with that standard, it will be appreciated that the position is one of very gratifying financial strength."

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the report, Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheet of the Society, as presented, and that the directors' recommendations be confirmed. The proposal was carried unanimously.

Re-elected directors were Mr J. F. Macgregor (proposed by Mr R. A. Wadson, seconded by Mr J. S. Howell); Mr B. T. J. H. Sch, seconded by Mr D. Benson; and Mr S. J. Cooke (proposed by Mr G. B. S. Thomson, seconded by Mr T. H. G. Grayfield).

Messrs Lowe Bingham, and Matthews, and Messrs Peel, Marwick, Mitchell and Co. were re-appointed auditors at a remuneration of \$10,000 each (proposed by Mr A. W. Black, seconded by Mr J. N. Mehta).

From the Files 25 years AGO

THE Green Island Cement Company will be exhibiting a large size model of their factory at Hoi Yee. This model was first exhibited at the Wembley Exhibition and was on show for the first time in Hong Kong at last year's Empire Fair. The model is a very fine miniature representation of the cement works, showing what a company concerned with a key industry in Hong Kong is capable of producing.

The South China A. A. opened the summer season on Saturday (May 20) with their first night fete at which Miss Yeung Sau-ling, the brilliant young swimmer, featured prominently. She is undoubtedly the best lady swimmer in the Colony and her performance in which she competed.

THERE was a big gathering of swimming enthusiasts at the Chinese Bathing Club in North Point last night (May 21) when the Club held its first aquatic gala of this season. All events were keenly contested, in particular in the invitation team race between local sports associations, which was won by the VRC with Kowloon East, and Y.M.C.A. close second. At the prize distribution, Dr Tsai Tre-shuk introduced the chairman of the Club, Mr Kwok Chan, to those present and briefly mentioned the chairman's efforts to make the Club a big success this season.

The St John Ambulance Flag Day was held on Saturday (May 20) with gratifying results to the organisers who reaped the rewards of their efforts. A total which is expected to exceed that of last year, when over \$5,000 was collected. The drive was carried out with untiring energy and enthusiasm until about mid-day in Kowloon, Hong Kong and the New Territories.

THE "demolition" dinner of the Shanghai Race Club last week (middle of May) to commemorate the last night of the old building was a memorable occasion. At a signal on the weighing room bell—some what extended beyond the agreed number of strokes—the diners fell in behind a couple of pipers from the 68th Highlanders and with Mr. Maitland bearing a silver gilt mactock behind the Chairman, they paraded through the Grand Stand into the old Coffee Room where dinner was served. At a later hour, the mactock formal, by broom of their Lordships, Hong Kong and the New Territories, things went riotously.

Hailstones, the size of eggs, fell over a wide area in the district of Sunghien, SW of Cheung Chau, Liong-Ping-shan, China, on May 11. The hailstorm was preceded by a sudden change of weather and continued to fall for fully two hours. Much damage was done to the wheat crops.

WHAT a settlement has been reached between the China Motor Bus Company and the companies at present operating the bus services on Hong Kong Island was announced by Mr Ngan Shing-kan of the former concern. Although China Motor Bus Co. have to take over the entire island service by June 13, arrangements are not yet complete but, according to Mr Ngan, it is hoped to prepare all the details in a few days. Mr Ngan added his company would relinquish the Kowloon service probably a few days before taking over the Hong Kong routes.

One of the big development schemes in Kowloon which is forging ahead is that at Kowloon East. The first section of something like 45 acres of hilly ground is being prepared and by broom of their Lordships, Hong Kong and the New Territories, things went riotously.

AUSTRALIAN SAILORS ARRESTED

The Police have arrested three sailors who alleged assaulted a taxi driver and robbed him of \$30 sometime after midnight on Wednesday.

The trio, Robert Thomas Miles, 24, Leading Steward; Peter Donald Orr, 20, Officer's clerk; and Niel Clifford Andrews, 19, Assistant Steward, all of the H.M.A.S. Voyager, were taken before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistracy this morning accused of robbery with violence.

It is alleged that in the early hours on Wednesday at Truganina Path, the defendants robbed Chung Ngau, the taxi driver, \$30 and at the time of or immediately after the robbery, they used violence.

The defendants are at present remanded in Police custody until Monday pending further enquiries.

No pleas were taken. Detective Sub-Inspector M. J. Gingles is in charge of the case.

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PUSHED MOTHER DOWN: MAN SENT TO PRISON

Annoyed because his mother had remonstrated with him, 25-year-old Chan Tong yesterday did something which a filial son would never have done: he pushed her causing her to fall and receive minor injuries.

This morning the young man, giving his address as No. 60, Bulkley Street, ground floor, came before Mr T. L. Yang at Kowloon Court on a charge of assault.

The Magistrate quailed: "Is it usual for a son to assault his mother?"

Chan Tong: "No."

The Magistrate: "And you, a Chinese, whose first duty is to be filial to his parents?"

Chan Tong was sent to prison for two weeks without the option of a fine.

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